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In re application of : Confirmation No. 8006  
Kouichirou HIRATA et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1888A  
Serial No. 10/018,974 : Group Art Unit 1645  
Filed December 26, 2001 : Examiner Jana A. Hines

METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF  
STREPTOCOCCUS SOBRINUS AND  
ANTIBODY USED THEREFOR

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 3, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14-18.

- ( ) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- ( ) The extension fee of \$840.00 for a **second and third month** extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- ( ) The Appeal Fee of      [X] \$330.00 (other than Small Entity)  
                                [ ] \$165.00 (Small Entity)
- ( ) is enclosed  
( ) is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

- ( ) Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
    - ( ) is enclosed.
    - ( ) has been previously submitted.
- ( ) The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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